

Speed-Up of Work Ordered

County Flood Control Projects Rescheduled

A call for a speed-up in public works construction to increase jobs and stimulate Los Angeles County's economy has brought results in the area of flood control, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced today.

Hahn said the eight-year program of flood control projects authorized in a 1964 bond election has been condensed into a five-year program. More than \$275 million in projects is included in the list of work.

Money for the 275 projects, designed to bring relief to low areas during heavy rains, was authorized by the voters in 1964. "All levels of government should move with dispatch to make sure construction is completed swiftly to protect lives and property," Hahn said.

Speeding up the program, which was agreed to by representatives of the construction industry who actually perform the work under county contracts, will create new jobs throughout Los Angeles County, Hahn said.

At North High

Expanded Gym Wins Approval

Construction of a new girls' gymnasium and expanded locker room facilities at North High School may be delayed for as much as 90 days while plans for the facility are altered.

Changes in the plans, approved last night by the Board of Education, will increase the seating capacity of the new gymnasium from 697 persons to 900. The new girls' gymnasium is to be used as a multi-purpose facility.

Dr. Richard Guengerich, principal at North High, asked the board to review the plans and increase the seating capacity of the facility when trustees failed to include funds for auditoriums

in the \$12.5 million school bond issue being voted on Feb. 8.

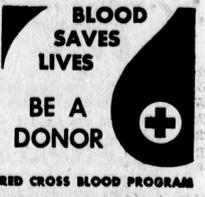
DR. GUENGERICH said remodeling of the North High cafeteria has eliminated the stage facilities, so the new gymnasium will be used for assemblies, school plays, and other activities. It does include a stage.

Similar alterations in proposed additions at West High already have been approved. A stage will be added to one of the three planned cafeteria units at West High, and seating capacity is to be increased.

Cost of the North High facility, which includes additional locker room space for both the boys' and girls' gymnasiums, is estimated at \$800,000. The increased seating area will cost about \$38,000.

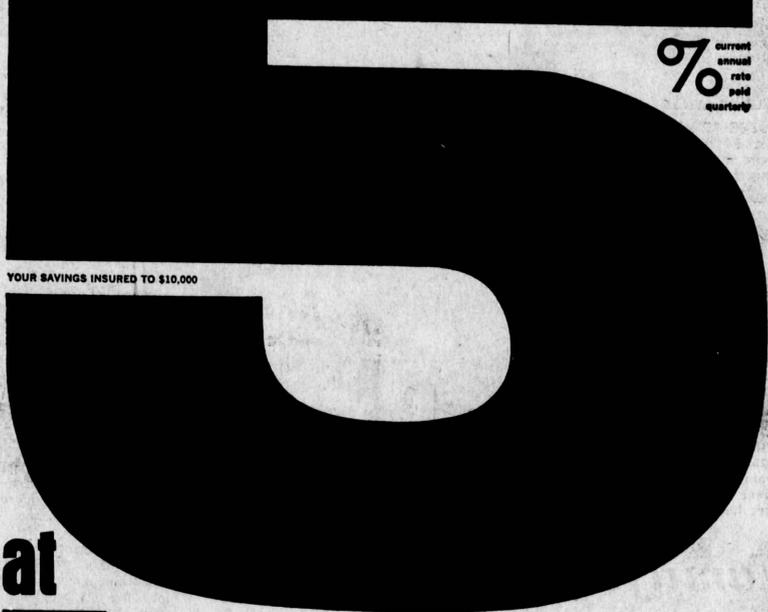
and approved the increased seating capacity. Trustees William Hanson and Dr. Kurt Shery were absent from the meeting because of illness.

S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools for business, said the district has provided for a 90-day delay. He said work may, however, be completed earlier. Construction of the locker rooms may be expected by the time school opens in September.



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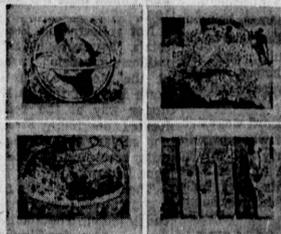
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